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SUBJECT: OBARRIO LETTER TO HOWARD:IATTC AND GOP ENFORCEMENT

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM OBARRIO WHY LETTER TO HOWARD RE ENFORCEMENT PROMISED LAST DECEMBER HAS NOT YET BEEN SENT. OBARRIO SHOULD BE URGED TO SEND LETTER RIGHT AWAY. IF THERE IS PROBLEM WITHIN GOP TO HAVING U.S. TECHNICIANS COME TO PANAMA AS PLANNED, AND HENCE PROBLEM WITH GOP COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE ADHERENCE OF PANAMANIAN VESSELS TO IATTC CONSERVATION PROGRAM, WE MUST KNOW THIS.

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2. DEPT. IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER LACK OF
GOP ACTION, AS TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND GOP HAS LONG WAY TO
GO BEFORE IT WILL BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE COMPLICATED
ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WHICH ARE NECESSARY. FISHING WILL
NOT HAVE TO BE REGULATED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JUNE, BUT AT
THAT TIME IF PANAMANIAN VESSELS ARE STILL FISHING UNREGU-

LATED THERE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE STRONG PRESSURES ON DEPT. TO
EMBARGO TUNA AS THERE WAS LAST YEAR AND AS WAS DONE LAST
YEAR AGAINST SPAIN. IF OBARRIO IS UNABLE TO PROCEED ALONG

INES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, DEPT. IS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE
ANOTHER HIGH LEVEL APPROACH TO GOP TO ENSURE RESOLUTION
OF THIS PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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